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Mr. Walt W. Rostow
The Counselor
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Walt:

This Agency's central point of contact for the Strategic
Studies Group referred to in your letter of March 9, 1962,
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Very sincerely,

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Richard Helms
Deputy Director
(Plans)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 14, 1962

Dear Mr. Helms:

Thank you for your assistnace at the meeting today discussing the S/P Strategic Studies Group. Participants other than yourself were the following:

1. From the Policy Planning Council: Mr. Rostow, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Fried, Mr. Reynolds.
2. From other organizations:

DEF: General William A. Enemark
 USIA: Mr. Hewson Ryan
 AGR: Mrs. Dorothy H. Jacobson
 COM: Mr. Claude Courand
 BUDGET: Mr. Irvin J. Lewis
 Ex-Im Bk: Mr. Walter Sauer
 TREAS: Mr. John Laddy
 FED RES: Mr. Yves Maroni

Members of the Strategic Studies Group are in Room 7524 of the Department of State. The present composition of the group is as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Strategist</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Argentina		4512
Bolivia		4513
Chile		4535 (sic)
Colombia		5412 (sic)
Venezuela		4513

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At the meeting the hope was expressed that we might expedite the information collection process by sending over any pertinent studies recently prepared by your organization. These can be directed to the Policy Planning Council Message Center located in Room 7261. Meanwhile, please feel free to let me know whenever I can assist you in moving this operation forward.

Cordially,

David R. Reynolds
S/P-SSG

Mr. Richard M. Helms
Deputy Director (Plans),
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1962

S/P Strategic Studies Group

Progress Report No. 1

The initial members of the Strategic Studies Group have been assembled in the last 10 days, and are now working in Room 7524. Studies going forward are the following:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Argentina		4512
Bolivia		4513
Chile		4535
Colombia		4513
Venezuela		4513

The officer assigned to Venezuela is expected to arrive early next week.

Two meetings were held with assisting agencies on March 7 and 14. These were chaired by Mr. Rostow, and other S/P participants included Messrs. Wriggins, Ramsey, Fried and Reynolds. Other participants on March 7 were:

- ARA: Mr. Jamison, RPA
Mr. Gates, RPA
Mr. Turnage, REA
- AID: Mr. Chenery, PRCS
Mr. Sternfeld, Alianza AA/DP
- INR: RAR
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Other participants in the March 14 meeting were:

- DOD: Gen. Enemark, DOD/ISA
- USIA: Mr. Ryan, Assistant Director, Latin America
- AGR: Mrs. Jacobson, Assistant to Secretary
- COM: Mr. Courand, BFC/ARD
- BUDGET: Mr. Lewis, International Division
- EX-IM BK: Mr. Sauer, Executive Vice President
- TREAS: Mr. Leddy, Assistant Secretary
- FED.RES: Mr. Maroni, International Finance

The two meetings introduced the country strategists, outlined the project, and enlisted close support from the agencies cited.

Members

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Members of the SSG have already established close working relationships with desk officers in ARA, AID and INR. Next week they expect to extend their range of working contacts to other interested agencies.

Guidance for the studies is contained in the paper "Alliance for Progress Strategic Studies Group, General Statement and Questionnaire," dated February 26. Copies of this have been provided to the interested agencies. Initial dissemination is being made to our field missions as each country study is initiated. In each case a letter to the Ambassador has stressed that the questionnaire is only to keep the Country Team current on the nature of the study being made here, and that it involves no additional field reporting.

Supporting assistance (in addition to providing the key personnel for the SSG) has come rapidly. S/P is preparing a number of studies, including a balance of payments strategy paper and one on redistribution of wealth and income. INR has contributed valuable country studies on land reform. DOD has made available concise formulations of MAP planning for the countries under study. Similar support from other agencies is on the way.

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